

S&E-2 as amended by Report No. S&D-11 by Delegates Koss, Byrnes, Cardin, D. Murray, Frederick, Rybczynski, Schloeder, Soul and White: On page 1, section 2.01, Voters in Federal, State, and County Elections, in line 13 strike out the words "House of Delegates district and";

And in lines 21 and 22, 22 and 23 and line 25 strike out respectively in each instance the following words: "delegate district or".

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment was a little difficult to follow as the Reading Clerk gave it. If you will follow me, I think I can explain it so that it will be clear to you.

On page 1, in line 13, you would strike out the words "house of delegates district and", so that the sentence would then read "every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 19 years who has been a resident of this state for six months, and of the county in which he offers to vote for 3 months," eliminating the requirement of residence in the house of delegates district.

Similarly, in lines 21, 22 and 23 and 25, strike out the words "delegate district or", so that the sentence beginning on line 21 would read "removal from one county to another county in this State shall not deprive a person of his qualification to vote in the county from which he last removed until three months after his removal."

The amendment has been submitted by Delegate Koss, seconded by the co-sponsors. The Chair recognizes Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, in light of Amendment No. 1, I do not think it has a substantive bearing, but the title in the amendment as it is being printed should be corrected to "voters in national, state and county elections."

As S&E-2 came to the floor originally, residence requirements were in terms of six months in the State, and three months in the house of delegates district. An amendment was offered on the floor and accepted by the Committee of the Whole to include residence in the county. This, in effect, as amended by the Committee of the Whole sets three residence requirements, one of six months in the State, and one of three months in the county, and in the House of Delegates.

Since the county is expected to remain the administrative unit for the purposes of

election, the Committee, or at least part of it, met today and agreed that the second residence requirement should be in terms of county rather than including the three requirements as the recommendation now stands.

It seemed to us that retention of the house of delegates district in addition to the county would impose an unnecessary obstacle to voting for some persons, and would impose a really complicated administrative procedure for the supervisors of elections and really make no great contribution to preserving the integrity of the elections.

Now, the legislative article makes it clear that only those persons who live in a particular house of delegates district can vote for that district delegate, and those persons living in a senatorial district may indeed vote for the Senator. For all these reasons the Committee would strongly urge that you adopt this amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

The Chair hears none.

Is there any discussion? Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question rises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendations S&E-1 and S&E-2 as amended by Report No. S&D-11. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 2. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted?

Delegate James Clark?

DELEGATE J. CLARK: I vote Aye.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James Clark votes Aye.

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 108 votes in the affirmative and 6 in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.